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URBAN DISTRICT OF LYMM

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE LYMM
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your district for the year 1957.

It will be realised that my comments in this report are, of necessity, based mainly on knowledge obtained from my fellow officers, because I only took up my appointment here on the 1st December, 1957.

I have found, in a short time, that Lymm is a delightful little town and the surrounding countryside is composed of good agricultural land. The district is fortunately situated on the south and windward side of the large industrial area of Manchester and surrounding towns.

It is disturbing to learn that the Council have not built any houses during the past three years. There are many substandard properties in the district which cannot be dealt with until the Council embark upon a building programme.

The state of the two sewage works is most unsatisfactory being out-of-date and in such a condition that it is impossible for proper maintenance to be carried out. It is surprising that the sewage works at Statham have consistently produced a satisfactory effluent, although this is probably due to the small proportion of the town's sewage treated at these works so that the flow through the works is very slow. It is understood that the Council will give further consideration to this major problem when the outcome is known of the enquiry to be held early in the next year of the application by the Manchester Corporation to build houses in Lymm.

According to the Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population there has been an increase of 90 persons compared with last year. The birth rate increased from 17.4 per thousand of the population last year to 21.7 this year.

The death rate fell from 11.7 to 11.2. It will be noted in the context of the report that these figures are referred to as the crude birth rate and the crude death rate. Another rate, the corrected rate is also mentioned. The corrected rate is obtained by multiplying the crude rate by a comparability factor supplied by the Registrar General's Office. The comparability factor is assessed for each district in the country. The corrected rate permits comparison with the local and national rates and, if desired, the rates in any other authority.

It must be realised that in an authority with a small population a slight difference in actual figures of births and deaths can produce a very big difference in the rates deduced from those figures. For example, whereas the death of one infant in 1956 gave an infant mortality rate of 8.5, four infant deaths in 1957 gave a figure of 26.8.

The principal causes of death were diseases effecting the circulatory system of the blood which accounted for 47 out of the total deaths which numbered 77. Of the 47 deaths, 17 were due to vascular lesions in the nervous system, 16 due to coronary disease, 13 due to other heart diseases and 1 where hypertension was associated with heart disease. Cancer of the lungs accounted for one death.

I have to thank Mr. Sucksmith, Public Health Inspector, and other fellow officers and the ladies in the office for their assistance in the preparation of this report.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

E.H. GORDON,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	4,242 acres
Population (Registrar General estimate mid 1957)	6,860
Number of inhabited houses	2,259
Size of household (average number of persons per house)	2.99
Rateable Value of District	£58,243
Value of a penny rate	£228

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

Live births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	72	70	142
Illegitimate	1	6	7
Total	73	76	149
Still births (all legitimate)	1	2	3
Live births rate per 1,000 population (crude)			21.7
(corrected)			21.2
Birth rate for England and Wales			17.2

There was an increase of 31 in the number of births this year compared with 1956, the proportion of male and female children remaining about the same. There were 73 male and 76 female births and the crude birth rate of 21.7 births per 1,000 of the population is the highest in the past 10 years. The corrected birth rate at 21.2 is well above the birth rate for the whole of England and Wales which was 17.2.

There were three still births compared with four last year so the still birth rate fell from 32.9 per thousand total births in 1956 to 19.7 in the present year. Three male children aged, 6 days, 1 week and 3 weeks, and one female child aged 9 months died in the first year of life.

Deaths	Males 36	Females 41	Total 77
Death rate per 1,000 population (crude)			11.2
(corrected)			10.9
Death rate for England and Wales			11.5
Infantile Mortality (deaths of infants under 1 yr.)			4
Infantile Mortality rate (per 1,000 associated live births)			26.8
Maternal deaths			Nil

36 male and 41 female deaths (total 77) occurred compared with 79 deaths last year. This gave a crude death rate of 11.2 deaths per thousand of the population and a corrected death rate of 10.9 compared with the national death rate figure of 11.5.

CAUSE OF DEATH BY SEX AND AGE

	Sex	0-1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75 +	TOTAL	
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	M						1	1		2	5
	F								3	3	
Lung & Bronchus	M								1	1	1
	F									–	
Breast	M									–	1
	F						1			1	
Uterus	M									–	1
	F						1			1	
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M							1	3	4	7
	F			1				1	1	3	
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M									–	2
	F		1					1		2	
Vascular lesions of Nervous System	M					1	1	1	4	7	17
	F						1	4	5	10	
Coronary disease, Angina	M						9	2	1	12	16
	F				1		1	1	1	4	
Hypertension with heart dis.	M									–	1
	F								1	1	
Other heart disease	M							1		1	13
	F				1		1	4	6	12	
Influenza	M						1			1	1
	F									–	
Pneumonia	M						2			2	3
	F								1	1	
Bronchitis	M						1			1	1
	F									–	
Other diseases of the respiratory system	M						1			1	1
	F									–	
Hypuplasia of prostate	M								1	1	1
	F									–	
Congenital malformation	M	1								1	2
	F		1							1	
Other defined and ill defined diseases	M	1								1	3
	F	1				1				2	
Motor vehicle accidents	M						1			1	1
	F									–	
TOTALS		3	2	1	2	2	22	17	28	36 41	77

There were no maternal deaths. One man died as a result of a motor vehicle accident.

The causes of death by age and sex are produced in the form of a table of which the main items have been commented on in the opening remarks of this report.

BIRTH RATES, DEATH RATES AND INFANT MORTALITY RATES
for the past 10 years in Lymm U.D.
(uncorrected)

	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Birth Rates	17.8	16.05	12.71	16.2	13.5	13.2	16.0	16.4	17.4	21.7
Death Rates	11.0	12.15	13.2	13.4	10.5	13.2	15.2	11.4	11.7	11.2
Inf. Mort. Rates	61.9	9.9	49.0	29.0	11.5	11.9	28.0	9.9	8.5	26.8

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Five cases of infectious disease were notified during the year, namely 4 cases of measles and one case of pleural tuberculosis. There were no deaths due to tuberculosis.

H O U S I N G

For the third year in succession there were no Council houses built, but thirteen houses were privately built. This lack of building houses by the Council has held up the slum clearance programme and there are many properties in the district which are unfit for human habitation, but they cannot be dealt with until the Council is in a position to offer alternative accommodation to the occupiers.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

These are provided by the Cheshire County Council, and are enumerated and described in the Appendix to this Report.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

General hospital accommodation is provided by the Warrington General Hospital and the Altrincham General Hospital, while a few special cases are admitted to the Manchester Hospitals.

Infectious diseases are mostly accommodated at the Warrington Infectious Diseases Hospital.

LABORATORY SERVICES

These are provided at the Regional Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester. A collection service is available, specimens being left at the Council Offices, whence they are taken to Altrincham and picked up by the Laboratory each afternoon.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The water is of a hard nature contains 18 degrees of temporary hardness and 16 degrees of permanent hardness, is provided by the Waterworks which is in the ownership of the Council. There is a steady and abundant supply.

The water for the area was sampled regularly, the following samples being taken :-

Sulzer Pump	-	1
Turbine Pump	-	6
Drysdale Pump	-	6
Tap, St. Mary's Church Yard		
Tap, No. 4 The Dingle		
Tap, Council Offices		
Tap, on Public Field, Church Green		
Tap, Boarded Barn Farm, Heatley		

The whole of the samples proved satisfactory.

Chlorination is continued to all water as it leaves the pumps and before entering the service pipes.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Owing to certain irresponsible members of the public who ill-use the service provided, the work of keeping the conveniences in a clean condition is not made easy to the detriment of the building and the disadvantage of subsequent users.

HOUSING REPAIRS

Complaints received from householders in the area caused the service of 9 Preliminary Notices and 9 Statutory Notices. In all cases the work was completed, but unfortunately the tendancy to spend money on repairs only when absolutely necessary still persists, which of course is causing a more rapid deterioration than need be.

SCHOOLS

The sanitary condition of the schools in the district is unchanged from last year, but steps are being taken to alleviate the overcrowding by new building. Work has continued on the conversion of the old Grammar School into a Secondary Modern School.

FOOD HYGIENE

General cleanliness in handling of food and food premises continued to improve generally, and this was helped by the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, made under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, which came into force on the 1st January, 1956.

The public can play a large part in improving hygiene generally by drawing attention to malpractices at the time of purchase or reporting any dirty premises that they see, which enables action to be taken for their remedy.

RODENT CONTROL

The refuse tip and sewage farms in the ownership of the Council are periodically inspected and treated if found to be necessary. It has been possible to carry out the treatment of the sewers with satisfactory results. Private dwellings are given free service for the eradication of rats and mice, whilst business premises are charged the cost of labour and materials, with a small charge added for overhead expenses.

ICE-CREAM

Only one of the total of 23 premises registered to sell ice-cream sells loose ice-cream, the remainder selling pre-packed.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

As a result of the expansion of the built up areas of the district and the shortage of labour on the sewage farms, the overloading of the existing sewage farms at Statham and Sow Brook where the irrigation method of purification is practised, has been seriously aggravated, and unsatisfactory effluents have been reported from time to time.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There only remains 37 houses within the District where pail closets are still in use, the remainder being on water carriage system. The bulk of the pail closets are emptied by the refuse collection department, but in some instances the householders themselves dispose of the contents of the pails.

REFUSE COLLECTION

There is a fortnightly collection of refuse carried out by the Surveyor's Department. The refuse being dealt with by means of controlled tipping in part of the Ridgway/ Grundy Memorial Park.

MEAT INSPECTION

During the period the number of animals slaughtered in the area was as follows :-

Beasts	Calves	Pigs
90	2	6

There was a 100% inspection of all notified cases of slaughter which resulted in detention of the undermentioned meat as being unfit for human consumption :-

Beasts' Liver	6
Part Beasts' Liver	17

The detained meat and offal was collected and disposed of for conversion to fertiliser.

OTHER FOODS

Upon examination the following foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered :-

Meat	209 lbs.
Tinned Meat	11 tins
Tinned milk	2 "
Fruit	5 "
Jam	1 "
Salmon	1 "
Peas	3 "
Beans	2 "
Soup	2 "

I am indebted to Mr. Stacey Hallard (Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures, Cheshire County Council), for the following particulars of samples taken in the District during 1957. I think the report is very satisfactory, and reads as follows :-

	Number Obtained	Number reported against (adulterated, below standard or otherwise incorrect)
Cod Liver Oil	1	-
Cream	1	-
Flour	2	-
Fish Paste	1	-
Milk	11	-
" Condensed	1	-
Orange Squosh	1	-
Olive Oil	1	-
Sweets	1	-
	20	nil

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDING INSPECTOR'S VISITS

Water Supply	9
Drainage	65
Vans and Sheds	10
Public Conveniences	3
Factories	27
Bakehouses	4
Licensed Premises	4
Refuse Disposal	46
Rats and Mice	92
Schools	1
Shops	15
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	96
Visits for Purposes of Building Inspection ...	366
Visits to Council Properties	1063
Houses inspected under Public Health Acts ...	114
Visits paid to above houses	121
Houses inspected under Housing Acts	5
Visits paid to above houses	17
Houses inspected for overcrowding	1
Visits paid to above houses	1
Filthy or Verminous Premises	2
Visits paid to above houses	2
Miscellaneous Housing visits	68
Inquiries in cases of Infectious Diseases ...	1
Visits re Disinfection	1
Butchers	30
Canteens	5
Grocers	14
Dairies and Milk Distributors	1
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	6
Miscellaneous Food visits	2
Visits to Slaughterhouses	50
Visits for Meat Inspection	44
Visits to Shops and Stalls	1

Divisional Health Office,
Town Hall,
Sale.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the report on the Local Health Authority Services in the Division during 1957.

Dr. Burn, my predecessor, left Sale in September to take up a new appointment in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Dr. Longbottom, Divisional Medical Officer at Altrincham acted as Medical Officer to this Division between Dr. Burn's departure and my arrival in Sale on the 1st December.

Attendances at the ante-naral and infant welfare centres were greater than last year, the home nurses carried about the same load, but the home helps had to deal with a 20% increase in the amount of work compared with last year.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of immunisations against diphtheria and whooping cough, also in smallpox vaccinations. Poliomyelitis vaccinations proceeded as fast as the supply of vaccine permitted. The table showing the number of these procedures has been re-arranged to show the number of persons in Sale and Lymm who have been protected.

The Ambulance Service now operates under the aegis of the Altrincham, Sale & Lymm Joint Ambulance Committee. The arrangement whereby the Sale and Altrincham Depots are controlled from the Control Room in Altrincham is working satisfactorily.

I am very grateful for the welcome extended to me on my arrival by the Members of the Divisional Health Committee, the Health Visitors, Midwives and Home Nurses and I wish to thank the staff of the Divisional Health Office for their help and forbearance during the first month of my appointment.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

E. H. GORDON.

Divisional Medical Officer.

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REPORT ON THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES IN THE DIVISION

Care of Mothers and Young Children

(a) Mothers' Clinics

Ante-natal and post-natal clinics are held weekly on Wednesday afternoons at Chapel Road Welfare Centre, Sale. The clinics are conducted by Dr. H. MacMichael assisted by a Health Visitor, and the County Midwives. The student midwives in training at the Sale and Brooklands War Memorial Hospital also attend the clinics.

The clinic deals mainly with expectant mothers who have booked the County Midwives for domiciliary confinement, but in addition cases are referred by General Practitioners for blood examinations, and by some hospitals to save expectant mothers who have booked for hospital confinement making frequent long journeys during their pregnancy.

Mrs Clifford conducted relaxation classes. The exercises and relaxation taught at her classes should instil confidence in expectant mothers and are of great benefit at the time of delivery.

One of the main objects of Local Authority ante-natal clinics has always been education of the expectant mother in the care of her own health during pregnancy and the nursing period, and in the upbringing of her baby. This work has developed at our clinics thanks to the use of visual aids, especially the epidiascope provided by the Voluntary Welfare Committee. The Health Visitor devotes much of her time at the clinics to this work, and it is very much appreciated by the mothers.

The number of mothers attending for post-natal examinations is small compared with the ante-natal figures. This state of affairs is not confined to this Division only, it occurs all over the country and is due to general practitioners carrying out this particular examination as it forms part of the service which they give to maternity cases.

	New Cases	Total attendances
Ante-natal	198	1021
Post-natal	19	21
Dental - pre-natal	8	10
- nursing mothers	2	4

(b) Child Welfare Clinics

The attendances at the five clinics showed an increase of 142 over 1956, but there was a drop in the number of doctors' consultations at Chapel Road Clinic (from 1210 in 1956 to 842) and at Raglan Road Clinic (736 in 1956 to 699). Dr. A. E. Shelswell and Dr. D.J.L. Clark conducted the Chapel Road Clinic, Dr. W.G.H. Hughes the Lymm Clinic, Dr. B. Sloan the Raglan Road and Brooks' Institute Clinics and Dr. A. English the Norris Road Clinic. All new cases are seen by the doctors and others which are referred by the Health Visitors. The good attendances at all the clinics reflect the good work of the Health Visitors who really form the back bone of the County Health Services.

The ladies of the Voluntary Welfare Committees by their share of the work at the clinics free the Health Visitors of registration, weighing babies and clerical work, so that they can devote more of their time to the mothers and children.

The sale of proprietary infant foods at the branch centres in Sale is carried out by the Divisional Office Staff and has shown a definite increase as compared with last year.

Clinic Attendances

	New Cases	Doctors' Consultations	Total Attendances 0-1	1-2	2-5
Sale - Chapel Road	329	842	3714	643	287
Sale Moor	192	732	2321	180	170
Raglan Road	151	699	1939	260	201
Brooks' Institute	142	557	2069	345	59
Lymm	145	732	1864	563	625
Totals	959	3562	11907	1991	1342

Specialist Clinics (attendances by children under 5 years of age)

	New Cases	Total attendances
Ophthalmic - Sale	20	76
- Lymm	17	38
Dental	38	53

Sale of Proprietary Welfare Foods (Sale Moor, Raglan Road and Brooks' Institute Centres)

Stocks bought	-	£861. 17. 10.
Total Sales	-	£924. 12. 0.

(c) Distribution of Ministry of Food Welfare Foods

There has been no change in the arrangements for distributing Ministry of Food Welfare Foods (National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice).

Centres are established at the Divisional Office and at the Council Offices, Lymm, the latter manned by the staff of Lymm U.D.C. In addition members of the W.V.S. attend the Norris Road and Raglan Road clinics at Sale and at the Lymm clinic during child welfare sessions and handle the distribution at these centres and I would like to thank them for their assistance. Distribution at Brooks' Institute clinic is carried out by a member of the Divisional Office staff. The issues of National Dried Milk fell by 2,000 tins and Cod Liver Oil by 800 bottles. However packets of Vitamin Tablets and bottles of Orange Juice showed an increase.

The issues made during the year were :-

National Dried Milk	-	15,712 tins
Cod Liver Oil	-	4,763 bottles
Vitamin Tablets	-	3,649 packets
Orange Juice	-	53,616 bottles
Total Items	-	77,740 articles
Cash and stamps received	-	£2,639. 8. 1d

(d) Day Nursery

The only Day Nursery in the Division is situated in Harley Road, Sale. To ensure that this is run at the most economical figure the number of children on the register has been reduced so as to have about 30 children in attendance. Charges have been graded from two to five shillings per day according to the class of priority, although the cost per place is much in advance of this. There is a waiting list for non-priority , but all priority cases are granted immediate admission, even though this does increase the number on the register over the permitted maximum. This is possible because the nursery was originally a 50 place nursery and there is, therefore, no problem of overcrowding.

Number on register 1st January, 1957	-	36
Number admitted during the year	-	45
Number left during the year	-	43
Number on register 31st December, 1957	-	38
Average daily attendance	-	28

14 children were in the nursery throughout the period.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE

These are controlled by the County Medical Officer and the Divisional Committee deals only with accommodation and transport of midwives.

There are two midwives in Sale and one in Lynn who attend at domiciliary births in the Division. The Sale midwives are accompanied by students from the Part II midwifery training school at the Sale and Brooklands War Memorial Hospital as part of their District training.

The proportion of domiciliary births at Sale is only about one in six and two midwives proves adequate, but expectant mothers are having increasing difficulty in booking in to hospitals and any great increase in the number of domiciliary confinements would necessitate an increase in the establishment of midwives.

Cases Attended		Sale	Lynn
As Midwife (i.e. in sole charge)	-	43	56
As Maternity Nurse (i.e. under the supervision of a medical practitioner)	-	100	8
Totals	-	143	64

HEALTH VISITING

The Health Visitor is faced with a widening scope in her work. Originally an advisor on infant welfare, she has taken on the full family and as the number of old people increase, so a greater share of her time goes to them. The Health Visitor is the most valuable field worker in any Health Department and this Division is most fortunate in having excellent Health Visitors.

HOME NURSING

The Home Nurses have had a little less to do in Sale and a little more at Lymm. Their good work enables ill persons to remain at home and often, especially with old people. they have to attend because the old person cannot be admitted to hospital due to the grave lack of beds.

	Sale	Lymm
Cases attended	579	273
Total visits	10,592	6,299

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

The primary object of Local Authority Health Services is the prevention of disease, and in those infectious diseases for which specific immunisation procedures are available and necessary they achieve this object by the provision of protection, either at clinics or through general practitioners, At the present time such protection is offered against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis and tuberculosis.

The figures in the table below have been re-arranged so that now the number of procedures is shown for Sale and Lymm whereas previously the figures were broken down to show the number dealt with at the clinics or by the family doctors. A further column has been added to the table to show the number who received poliomyelitis vaccine.

The total number of children dealt with in 1957 was 2,478 compared with 1807 in 1956 and this figure does not include the 2,185 children who had poliomyelitis vaccine.

	Smallpox				Diphtheria				Whooping Cough		Poliomyelitis Vaccination	
	Vaccination		Re-Vaccination		Primary Immunisation		Re-Immunisation					
	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)	(a)	(b)
Pre-School Children	624	84	7	-	611	111	6	-	531	111	513	40
School Children	14	7	12	-	12	2	155	25	5	2	1445	187
Adults	62	-	97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	700	91	116	-	623	113	161	25	536	113	1958	227

(a) Sale.
(b) Lymm.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The full integration of the Sale and Altrincham Depots has not been completed and will take some time to achieve, but will not be fully possible until the proposed Ambulance Station at Broadheath is built. The present arrangements, the two depots and one Control Room at Altrincham controlling both depots is working satisfactorily, but there are still some slight difficulties to be overcome.

The ambulances based at the Sale Depot consisted of three large ambulances, three light ambulances used to convey sitting cases as well as being equipped with stretchers for use when required and one sitting case car. At Lymm there were four private persons with large cars willing to convey sitting cases from Lymm. The Altrincham Depot provided ambulances when these were needed.

The ambulances at the Sale Depot carried 14,819 patients and travelled 101,266 miles in the course of 6,617 journeys.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS, CARE AND AFTER-CARE

This aspect of the work of the Division has always been primarily devoted to the tuberculous persons and although this remains so, the care of the elderly and chronic sick is increasing.

The B.C.G. vaccination of 13 year old school children was not carried out due to the departure of Dr. Burn, my predecessor. Two age groups will be offered vaccination during the coming school year.

A register of tuberculous patients in the Division is kept in the Divisional Office with full records and a close liaison with the Chest Clinics maintained.

	MALES		FEMALES		
	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	Total
Sale					
On register 1st January, 1957	112	20	89	10	231
Added to register	23	-	12	2	37
Removed from register	25	2	11	4	42
Remaining on register 31st December, 1957	110	18	90	8	226
Admitted to Sanatoria during the year	10	-	8	1	19
Discharged from Sanatoria during the year	12	-	20	1	33
Lymm					
On register 1st January, 1957	15	4	16	3	38
Added to register	1	-	-	-	1
Removed from register	1	-	-	1	2
Remaining on register 31st December, 1957	15	4	16	2	37

In addition to the above services in connection with tuberculosis, nursing equipment is provided on loan for the use of patients who are sick at home, and 6 wheel chairs are also available so that crippled persons can be taken out by their relatives.

Occupational therapy has been provided for those who are housebound by reason of illness and gives some interest to these patients. Materials are provided at cost price, so that some little income can also be made by these people.

Convalescent holidays have been arranged on request from doctors of patients who have been ill at home and require a period of rest and recuperation before returning to work, and where there has been financial hardship a contribution has been made towards the cost.

DOMESTIC HELP

There was a further increase of almost 20% in the amount of assistance given by the domestic help service, despite the difficulties of obtaining suitable women to undertake this work. 155 cases were given assistance for a total of 14,803 hours. 49 of these were maternity cases in which daily assistance was given, 70 were elderly people or chronic sick requiring a few hours service each week and the remainder were cases of sudden illness or hospital admission of mothers or similar unexpected conditions.

Only 1 permanent full time home help is employed but this is supplemented by as many part time home helps as we have been able to obtain.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Health education is continuously carried out in clinics both antenatal and infant welfare by means of personal approach, poster displays and provision of leaflets. The greater proportion of health education is done by the Health Visitors.

Lectures have been given to organisations, and every effort made to interest people in good health.

APPENDIX

SUMMARY OF LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES IN THE SALE AND LYMM DIVISION

Divisional Health Office	-	Town Hall, Sale. (SALE 2255)
Mothers' Clinics (Sale Welfare Centre)		
Ante-natal and post-natal clinic	-	Each Wednesday afternoon.
Dental Treatment	-	Sale Welfare Centre - By appointment.
Infant Welfare Clinics		
Sale Chapel Road Centre	-	Each Tuesday & Thursday afternoon.
Sale Moor Centre	-	Each Thursday afternoon.
Sale Raglan Road Centre	-	Each Tuesday afternoon.
Sale Brooks' Institute Centre	-	Each Friday afternoon.
Lymm Welfare Centre	-	Each Tuesday afternoon.
Specialist Clinics (Sale Welfare Centre)		
Ophthalmic	-	By appointment.
Sunlight	-	By appointment.
Day Nursery, Harley Road, Sale	-	Matron: Mrs E. Howitt (SALE 4627)
Midwives		
Mrs D. Lindley	-	65, Derbyshire Road South, Sale. (SALE 4383)
Mrs I. E. Thompson	-	6, Lansdowne Road, Sale. (SALE 1140)
Miss J. Pike	-	21, The Crescent, Lymm. (Lymm 725)
Health Visitors		
Miss B. Cunliffe		Welfare Centre,
Mrs E. Heywood		70 Chapel Road, Sale. (SALE 1329)
Mrs M. Holmes		
Miss M. Saunders		
Miss J. Sidebottom		
Miss F. Govan.	-	29, Eagle Brow, Lymm. (Lymm 277)
Home Nurses		
Mrs W. F. Rand	-	18, Clarendon Crescent, Sale. (SALE 6135)
Mrs R. Adams	-	34, Oulton Avenue, Sale. (SALE 8453)
Mrs J. R. Flood	-	22, Georges Road, Sale. (SALE 7033)
Miss B. Kitchen	-	13, Harcourt Road, Sale. (SALE 5764)
Mrs A. E. Groucott	-	14A, Church Lane, Sale. (SALE 4212)
Miss F. M. Kneale	-	26, Highfield Road, Lymm. (Lymm 116)
Mrs A. B. James.	-	61, Star Lane, Lymm. (Lymm 399)
Vaccination and Immunisation Clinics		
Sale Welfare Centre	-	Each Friday morning.
Ambulance Stations		
Sale and Altrincham	-	Central Control. (Altrincham 3256)
Care and After-Care	-	Nursing requisites on application to the Divisional Health Office.
Domestic Help	-	On application to the Divisional Health Office.